



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO MEDIA ADVISORY

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COUNTY REOPENS HELLHOLE CANYON PRESERVE TO PUBLIC ***Park Expansion Announced and Fire Ecology Interpretative Signage Unveiled***

When: Friday, May 20, 2005 at 11 a.m.

What: Dignitaries, equestrians and their horses, and park enthusiasts will gather at Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve to celebrate the re-opening of the preserve and the many improvements made to the park after the October 2003 wildfires. Those improvements include an amphitheater, a kiosk, and restored trails. Also, for the first time, the County will unveil fire ecology interpretative signage that will be installed in many fire-damaged parks Countywide.

Where: Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve
19324 Santee Lane, Valley Center, CA 92082

Who: Bill Horn, District 5 County Supervisor
Renée Bahl, Director, County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation
Chuck Corum, Vice President of Community Development, Pardee Homes
Friends of Hellhole Canyon Preserve
San Diego Foundation
San Diego County Parks Society

Directions: From Interstate 15, take the Via Rancho Parkway exit. Turn right onto Via Rancho Parkway. After approximately ½ mile, Via Rancho Parkway will become Bear Valley Parkway. Follow Bear Valley Parkway approximately 5.5 miles to Valley Parkway. Turn right onto Valley Parkway and follow it approximately 1 mile to Lake Wohlford Road. Turn right onto Lake Wohlford Road and follow it for approximately 6 miles to the intersection of Paradise Mountain Road. Turn right onto Paradise Mountain Road and follow it approximately 3.5 miles to Los Hermanos Ranch Road. Turn right onto Los Hermanos Ranch Road then make an immediate left onto Kiavo Drive. Follow Kiavo Drive approximately ½ mile to Santee Road. Turn left onto Santee Road that leads to the entrance to the Preserve. (*Thomas Bros. pg. 1091-H3*)

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